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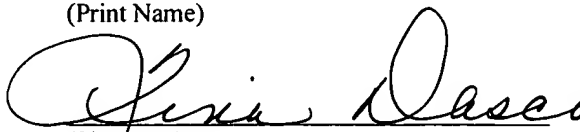
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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Patent Application

Examiner: D. Naff

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Group: ~~1803~~ 1651

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filed April 24, 1992

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For: Purified Thermostable Enzyme

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d)

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Sir:

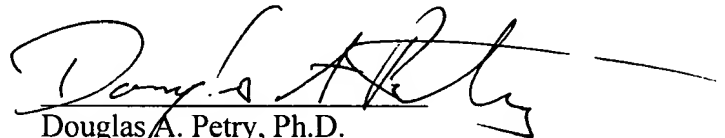
Applicants respectfully request that the above-referenced application be granted special status because of actual infringement.

The present case is in the final stage of an appeal. A notice of appeal was submitted on August 19, 1993. An appeal brief was filed on February 17, 1994. Oral arguments were presented on May 7, 1997, and summarized in the Summary of Oral Argument submitted May 16, 1997. Applicants now are waiting for the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Applicants submit herewith a statement by Applicant's agent pursuant to MPEP §708.02(II) and, further, Applicants offer to submit a further showing if necessitated by the facts of the case.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0812 in the amount of \$130.00, the fee due under 37 CFR §1.17 for this petition. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0812. A triplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas A. Petry", is written over a horizontal line.

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